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Commune Concilium tentum in Camera *Guild-hall*, Civitatis *London*, die *Martis*, quarto die *Julii* Anno Dom' 1665. Annóq; Regni Domini nostri CAROLI Secundi, Dei Gratia, *Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ*, Regis, Fidei Defensoris, &c. decimo septimo, Coram *Johanne Lawrence* Milite, Majore Civitatis *London*, *Thoma Adams*, *Richardo Brown* & *Thoma Aleyn*, Mil' & Baronet', Aldermannis, *Johanne Frederick*, *Thoma Bludworth*, *Willielmo Turner*, & *Francisco Meynel* Mil', Aldermannis, *Samuele Starling* & *Willielmo Hooker* Aldermannis, & *Georgio Waterman* & *Carolo Doe* Militibus & Aldermannis, Vice-comitibus ejusdem Civitatis, nec non Majore parte Communiariorum de Communi Concilio ejusdem Civitatis tunc & ibidem Assemblat'.

Whereas by ancient custome heretofore and now used within this Honourable City, and also by the old Laws and Ordinances made and now in force within the same City, All Cloth, Cloths and other Commodities made or mixt with Wool, Worsted, Jersy or Cruell, made or wrought within the Kingdom of England and Dominions of the same, brought and to be brought unto the City of London and Liberties thereof, were and ought to be brought unto such common Market-place or places, as to that purpose within the same City and Liberties thereof, was and should from time to time be appointed, and there onely, and not elsewhere,

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ought to be bought and sold, and the Owners of the said Cloth, Cloths and other commodities, made or mixt with wooll, worsted, jersey or cruell, did there pay Hallage and other duties, which was so done, aswell that good and lawfull Wares should be bought and sold, and corrupt and unlawfull bargains and contracts, made in Inns, Ware-houses and other private places, tending to the deceipt of the People, and contrary to the Laws of the Realm and the custom of this City, might be avoided, As also, that there might be no foreign buying and selling in those Markets, or within any other part of the City of London, in fraud of the Liberties, and contrary to the customs within this City (time out of mind used) prohibiting foreign buying and foreign selling within the City, which Custom hath had the confirmation of several Acts of Parliament, and is a great support of their Government, enabling them to undergoe those publick Charges, which others, not free of that City, are not liable unto, and which otherwise they could not bear.

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And whereas by an Act of Common-council made at a Common-council held at the Guild-hall, London, upon the twenty sixth day of February, in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King that now is, the sometime Mansion-house of Sir Robert Ducey Knight and Barronet, with the Appurtenances in the Parish of St. Michael's Basishaw, London, is appointed and set apart for the pitching and harbouring of such Cloth, Cloths and other commodities made or mixt with wooll, worsted, jersey and cruell which (in pursuance of an Act of Common-council made at a Common-council held at the Guild-hall, London, upon the fourth day of December, in the thirteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King that now is, intituled, An Act for the better regulating of the old and new Drapery in *Blackwel-hall* and *Leaden-hall*)

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hall) cannot be pitched, received and harboured at Old Blackwell-hall, Leaden-hall and the Welch-hall, or any of them.

And whereas it was one of the principal ends of the said mentioned Act of Common-council made the 4th day of December, in the said thirteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King, to contract and reduce into one Act the substance of all, or of the most necessary Acts of Common-council in force, touching the bringing of all Woollen cloths, Drapery Wares, and other commodities of like kind, brought and to be brought unto this City to be sold or transported unto the publick Markets of Blackwell-hall, Leaden-hall and the Welch-hall.

And whereas there are some Penalties and Provisions in that Act which since have been conceived not fit to be put in execution, and are yet so intermixed with the body of the said Act, that they cannot well be rectified without repealing of the said Act, and framing of a new Act of Common-council.

And whereaas the said other beforementioned Act of Common-council, bearing date the said twenty sixth day of February, in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King, hath such dependance upon the said other beforementioned Act made the said fourth day of December, that in case the same should be repealed, it might be questioned, whether the said Act, made, the said twenty sixth day of February, were still in force:

Now, To the intent that all ambiguities and doubts touching the Duties payable for Hallage and for pitching, safe keeping and safe delivery of all Woollen Cloths, Drapery Wares, and other Commodities of like kind brought to this City to be sold or transported may be certainly known, and the duties for such pitching, safe keeping and safe delivery, be duly paid and received, and no other demanded; and that the

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ſaid Market-places be certainly appointed and ſettled; Be it enacted and eſtabliſhed by the Right honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen his Brethren, and the Commons in this Common-council aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the ſaid Act of Common-council, made the ſaid fourth day of December, entituled, An Act for the better regulating of the old and new Drapery in *Blackwell-hall* and *Leaden-hall*, and every part thereof, be from henceforth repealed and made void, and the ſame and every part thereof is hereby repealed and made void.

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And be it hereby farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid houſe, ſometimes the Manſion-houſe of the ſaid Sir Robert Ducey, with the Appurtenances, ſhall be from henceforth a place for the pitching and harbouring of any ſuch Cloths and other commodities, as by this preſent Act, or any other Act now in force, are appointed to be brought, pitched and harboured at Blackwell-hall aforeſaid; And that the ſaid Manſion-houſe be from henceforth called New-blackwell-hall, and is hereby made and appointed a common Cloth-market-place, to all intents and purpoſes that Blackwell-hall, Leaden-hall and the Welch-hall have been heretofore uſed; And the ſaid Manſion-houſe is hereby annexed and made part of Blackwell hall aforeſaid; and that ſuch Rules, Orders and Directions ſhall be obſerved and practiſed in the ſaid New-blackwell-hall as are hereby or by any other Act of Common-council now in force, appointed to be obſerved in Blackwell-hall aforeſaid; And that ſuch Rates as are by this preſent Act appointed to be paid and received for ſuch Cloth and other commodities, as ſhall be brought to Blackwell-hall, ſhall be paid and received for ſuch Cloth and other commodities as ſhall be brought to New-blackwell-hall aforeſaid, in ſuch manner as the ſame are either by this Act or any other Act of Common-council in force appointed and directed to be paid and received for thoſe

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that ſhall be brought to Blackwell-hall: And that all Clauſes, Articles and things mentioned in this preſent Act, or by any other Act of Common-councll now in force, to be done, obſerved or put in execution at Blackwell-hall aforeſaid, be done, obſerved and put in execution at New Blackwell-hall, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purpoſes, as if the ſaid New Blackwell-hall had been anciently part of, or heretofore annexed to Blackwell-hall aforeſaid.

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all ſtrained Eſſex or Suffolk Cloths, and all Cloths commonly called Coventry Cloths, blew and white, and other mixed Hampſhire and Surry Kerſies, all ſorts of Norfolk, Suffolk and Eſſex Flanions, Bayes, Perpetuanies, Raſhes, Serges and Sayes, and all other Commodities that goe under the name of the New Drapery made or mixt with Wooll, Worſted, jerſey, cruell, or with cotten-Wooll, or with either or any of them, brought, or which ſhall be brought to the City of London and Liberties thereof, either by Land or Water, be brought unto, pitched and harboured in Leaden-hall, there to remain until they be entred, and the duties of Hallage herein after mentioned paid for the ſame, and not to be thence removed by the ſpace of ten daies, unleſs ſold in the mean time, and the ſame be firſt entred, and the ſaid duties of Hallage paid and ſatisfied, (except the Weſtern and Colcheſter Stuffs) which being brought to the Hall and entred, and the duty of Hallage paid, may be taken thence by the Owners as ſoon as they pleaſe. F

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all ſorts of broad and narrow Cloths, by what name ſoever called, diſtinguiſhed or known, or in what place ſoever made; and all other Kerſies, Bayes, Tammies, Sayes, Raſhes, Perpetuanies, Serges, Ruggs, Blankets, Mottleys of what ſort or nature ſoever, Penniſtones, half Thicks, Plains, Friezes, G

Cottons, Fuſtians, Linſy-Woolſy, Stockings of all ſorts, and all other commodities and manufactures made or mixt with Wooll, Worſted, jerſy or cruell, or with cotten-Wooll, or either or any of them, and brought, or which ſhall be brought to the City and the Liberties thereof either by Land or Water, be brought unto, pitched and harboured in the Old and New Blackwell-hall or Welch-hall, or one of them, there to remain till they be entred, and the duties of Hallage herein aftermentioned alſo paid for the ſame, and not be thence removed by the ſpace of ten daies, unleſs ſold in the mean time, except the Cloth, Cloths or other commodities made or mixt with Wooll, Worſted, jerſey or cruell, bought in the Country by any Merchant, Draper, or any other Freeman of the ſaid City by Precontract of the Clothier; which Cloth, Cloths and other Woollen manufactures, ſhall be brought to the Hall appointed by this Act to receive the ſame, there to be entred, and pay the duty of Hallage hereby appointed to be paid for the ſame, which being done, the ſaid commodities may be taken thence by the Owners as ſoon as they pleaſe, and except ſuch ſmall parcels as being contracted for in the Country by perſons that have bought or ſhall buy the ſame for their own private uſe, and not to ſell again; and alſo except Norwich Stuffs, and Monmouth-Caps, Bewdly-Caps, and other Woollen Caps, which commodities are not to be brought to the ſaid Hall, nor at preſent to pay Hallage.

H And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Inn-holders or any other perſon or perſons, free or not free of this City, and inhabiting or dwelling within the ſame or the Liberties thereof, ſhall permit or ſuffer any of the ſaid Cloth, Cloths or other Woollen manufactures, which ought to be pitched at the aforeſaid Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall or Welch-hall, or any of them, at any time or times hereafter, whileſt the ſaid Commodities or any of them ſhall remain in their

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ſaid Inns, to be bought or ſold at or within any their Houſes, Chambers or Ware-houſes, upon pain that every ſuch Inholder or other perſon ſhall forfeit for his firſt Offence twenty ſhillings, for the ſecond Offence fourty ſhillings, and for every other Offence four pounds.

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no perſon or perſons, not being free of this City, ſhall by himſelf, or any other for him or by his means or practice, bargain, ſell or barter, in any place or places within this City or within the Liberties thereof, any of the ſaid Cloth, Cloths or other Woollen manufacture aforeſaid, ſave onely in ſome of the Halls aforeſaid, nor ſhall buy any of the ſame within the ſaid Market-place or places, on pain to forfeit and looſe for the firſt Offence fifty ſhillings, for the ſecond Offence four pounds, and for every other Offence the ſumme of five pounds. I

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all perſons, as well Carriers as Clothmen and others, ſhall, at the bringing of their Cloth, Cloths and other Woollen manufactures, appointed by this Act to be brought either by land or by Water to this City as aforeſaid, bring or cauſe them to be brought to one of the ſaid Blackwell-halls, Leaden hall and the Welch-hall reſpectively, to the end they may be entred, and the duties paid for the ſame, upon pain of twenty ſhillings for every Pack of Cloth, Cloths or other commodities, to be forfeited and paid by every ſuch Carrier, Cloth man or others, for every offence to the contrary; and for every ſingle Cloth or other Woollen commodity, the Piece ten ſhillings. K

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Markets at the aforeſaid Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall and the Welch-hall aforeſaid, ſhall be and begin weekly on every Thurſday between the twenty fifth day of March and the twenty ninth day of September at L

ſeven of the clock in the forenoon, and continue till eleven of the clock in the ſame forenoon, and between the twenty ninth day of September and the twenty fifth day of March at eight of the clock in the forenoon, and continue till eleven of the clock in the ſame forenoon, and on every Thurſday at one of the clock in the afternoon, and continue till four of the clock in the ſame afternoon, and on every Friday at eight of the clock in the forenoon, and continue till eleven of the clock in the ſame forenoon and ſhall begin in the afternoon of the ſame Friday at one of the clock, and ſhall continue until four of the clock in the ſame afternoon, and ſhall begin every Saturday at eight of the clock in the forenoon, and ſhall continue till eleven of the clock in the ſame forenoon; and that the ſaid hours for the beginning and ending of the ſaid Market times ſhall be known by the ringing of the Market-bells in the Halls aforeſaid appointed for that uſe and purpoſe, and the ſame to be held and continued weekly throughout the whole year, and from year to year, and that every perſon or perſons that ſhall ſell or put to ſale any Cloth, Cloths or other commodities beforementioned, at any other time or times then aforeſaid limited, ſhall for every Offence forfeit and pay the ſumme of forty ſhillings, and that the reſpective Hall-keepers ſhall not permit or ſuffer any buying or ſelling of any of the aforeſaid woollen Cloths, or commodities aforeſaid, in or at either of the ſaid Halls in or upon any other daies or hours then on the Market-daies and hours appointed; and if any of the ſaid reſpective Hall-keepers ſhall wilfully offend herein, he ſhall forfeit for his firſt Offence forty ſhillings, and for his or their ſecond Offence the ſumme of three pounds.

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the reſpective Hall-keepers of every of the Halls aforeſaid, ſhall diligently and faithfully keep their Books and weekly Regiſters of all the woollen cloths

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and commodities aforesaid bought and sold in any of the said Halls, or brought and pitched there, in which Books and Registers they and every of them shall truly enter the names of Baptism, Surnames, places of habitation, and addition both of the Buyer and Seller of every of the said commodities.

And whereas there are many Freemen of this City, who in shew and pretence are the immediate Buyers of the said Woollen cloths and other commodities beforementioned in the said Markets of Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall and the Welch-hall, yet are in reality but Instruments, Agents and Brokers for Strangers and foreigners, to the great abuse and wrong of this City and Freemen thereof; It is declared and adjudged, and be it by this Common-council and the Authority thereof declared, That all such practices are contrary to the custom and priviledges of this City, and that all such buying of any of the aforesaid commodities by any Freeman of this City in any of the said Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall or the Welch-hall Markets, for the use of any Stranger or Foreigner either in Copartnership or otherwise, is colouring of the Foreigners goods, and is contrary to the Oath of every Freeman of this City.

Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Freeman of this City which shall buy in any of the said Halls any of the said woollen cloths or commodities for the use of any Foreigner, or Stranger or Strangers as aforesaid, contrary to the true meaning of this Act, shall, for his or their first Offence, forfeit and pay the summe of five pounds, and for his or their second Offence the summe of ten pounds, and for his or their third Offence the summe of twenty pounds; and if any such person or persons shall again offend in the like manner, then, upon his or their Conviction thereof in the Kings Majesties Court holden within the Guild-

hall of this City before the Lord Maior and Aldermen of the same City (for the time being,) he or they shall stand and be utterly disfranchised, as unworthy members of this City.

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Owner or Owners of any of the aforesaid commodities, or his or their Servant cannot within the time and space of ten daies next after the bringing of them to the said respective Markets, sell all the Cloth, Cloths or other Woollen manufactures brought to the Blackwell halls, Leaden-hall or the aforesaid Welch-hall, that then it shall be lawfull for the said Owner or Owners, or his or their Servant, by his appointment, to remove any of the said commodities which shall remain unsold after the Market daies are over, to any other Market or Markets forth of this City and Liberties thereof, or otherwise to dispose of them as they shall think fit, so as they do not sell the same commodities out of the said Markets within the said City of London or the Liberties thereof.

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Owner of any Cloth, Cloths or other Woollen manufactures, their Factor or Servant, shall desire to have any of the commodities aforesaid to be lodged in any of the Ware-houses belonging to any of the aforesaid Halls or Markets, when they cannot sell them within the ten daies space appointed by this Act for sale of them, then the said Owner or Owners, their Factor or Servant, of any Cloth, Cloths or other Woollen manufacture aforesaid, shall pay for their lodging and safe keeping of the said commodities such reasonable rates weekly as shall be agreed between the said Owner and such person or persons as shall be appointed by the Governours of Christ's-Hospital, who are hereby authorised to put in Execution this Act as to all the parts thereof. Provided, the said person or persons so to be appointed by the said Governours

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to receive such monies for lodging and safekeeping all Cloth, Cloths and other Woollen manufactures, do not take more by the week for such lodging and safekeeping of any Owner or Owners, their Factor or Servant, then half so much as by this Act appointed for the first pitching, for Hallage of such commodities as shall be desired to be left in the said ware-houses.

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said ensuing Rates, and no other, shall be payd, demanded and received of the respective Owner or Owners, or his Servant, for the commodities hereunder mentioned, brought and to be brought to the several Halls or any of them for the said Hallage duty thereof, and for the entring, harbouring and safe-keeping thereof the space of ten dates from the time of their first pitching, and no longer.

All Broad-cloths of what kind or name soever, exceeding twenty yards long or upwards, shall pay a piece for Hallage	1 d
All broad Rashes twenty yards or above	2 d
All Kersey Cottons	1 d
All *Devonshire*, *Wiltshire*, and *Dorsetshire* Bayes shall pay for each Piece	1 d
Dutch Bayes, the Piece	1 d ob.
All *Essex*, *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and *Mynakin* Bayes, by what name soever called, shall pay for each Piece	2 d
All *Yorkeshire* Broad-cloths, Kersies, Cottons, and all other Commodities made of Wooll, shall pay for the Horse-pack coming from those parts	8 d
All *Lancashire* woollen-wares, as Broad-cloths, Kersies, Cottons, Bayes, Penistones, Friezes and other Comodities made of Wooll coming from those parts, the Horse pack	8 d
All Commodities coming from *Wales*, *Salop* and any of those parts commonly known by the name of *Welch* Cottons, Rolls, Plains, Bayes, Flanions or Friezes shall pay for every Horse pack	8 d
All Flanions, Venetians, Wadmolls, Demities, Fustians and Bustians, made in *England* and *Wales*, shall pay for each Horse pack	8 d
All Stuffs of what name or kind soever made of wooll, worsted, jersey or cruell, or mixed with them or any of them, the Piece to pay	1 d
Bed-ruggs or Caddows for Beds being five breadths, or of the same largeness, shall pay for every Rugg	1 d
For every Rugg of 4 breadths, or of the same largeness	ob.
For every Rugg of 3 breadths, or of the same largeness	q.
Cradle ruggs, every 2 Ruggs	q.
Blanketts the dozen pair	1 d ob.
Birds-eye Carpeting, *Bristol* carpeting, and all other sorts of carpeting and Darnix, the Piece being 20 yards or more	2 d
But if the Piece be less then 20 yards	1 d
Carpets of Needle-worke, or Tent-work, for every Carpet to pay	1 d
Coverlets the Horse pack to pay	8 d
If less then an Horse pack, every one	ob.

Worsted Stockings the 20 paire shall pay	2 d
Yearn, being Woollen, Cruel, Linnen, Worsted or Jersey, every dozen pound shall pay	1 d
Bolters and Bewpers the dozen pieces	1 d
The Single piece	q.
Darnix narrow for Garments the piece	1 d ob.
Hair-cloth the piece	ob.
Linsey-woolsey broad the piece	1 d
Narrow the piece	ob.
Loomework for Wastcoats and Childrens Coats	ob.
Sayes plained or mil'd the piece	1 d
Every half piece of above thirty shillings price or more	1 d
But the half under 30 s. price	ob.
Serges of all sorts the piece	1 d
Moccado ends the dozen pound	1 d
Cushions of all sorts unstuffed and unbottomed the dozen	1 d
Irish Ruggs the 100 yards	4 d
Irish Mantles and all of that sort being made within this Kingdom of 20 yards and upwards to pay	1 s
Motly for Mariners the piece	ob.
Peddegny the Horse pack	8 d
Swadling-bands the groce	1 s
Wollen Stockings for every three dozen shall pay	1 d

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforesaid, **That if any Owner of the commodities aforesaid, or his Servant, shall refuse to pay the Hallage beforementioned at the first pitching of the same at any of the Halls aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay for such his refusal six shillings and eight pence for every Cloth or any other single piece of Wollen manufacture unpacked, and twenty shillings for every pack of Cloth, Cloths or other Wollen manufacture.**

And farther, **to prevent the shifts which are practised to evade the ancient Privileges of this City by Porters and others who are imployed in carrying Cloth out of, or from the said** Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall, **or the** Welch-hall **aforesaid,** be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, **That no common Porter or any other person or persons whatsoever, except the Clothier or his Factor in his or their own person, shall be admitted to carry any of the commodities aforesaid out of or from the said** Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall **or the** Welch-hall, **or any of the Rooms adjoyning, but the same shall be carried out by the chief Porters of the said** Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall, **or the** Welch-hall **aforesaid, (for the time being) or such as shall be appointed by the chief Porters of** Blackwell-halls **or** Leaden-hall **for that purpose, & for whom they shall be respectively responsible.**

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And, to the end & intent that there shall be no exaction of Rates or Prices for the carriage of the aforesaid commodities out of the said Blackwell-halls, or Leaden-hall, or the Welch-hall, of any Merchant or other Buyer of the said commodities, otherwise then the Rates hereafter mentioned, as are appointed for their several Carriages, be it enacted and ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Rates hereafter mentioned shall be fairly written in a Table, and hung up in some publick place in each of the said Halls, and these Rates and no greater shall or may be taken by the said Porters or by any others employed by them; and if any chief Porter, or any employed by them, shall exact and receive more then shall be expressed in such Tables, he or they so offending shall forfeit ten times as much as shall be so received.

Inprimis, Every *Kentish* whole Cloth or two half Cloths, shall pay	2d
Every long *Worcester* whole Cloth or two half Cloths, shall pay	1d ob
Every long *Gloucest.* whole Cloth or two half Cloths, shall pay	1d ob
Every long *Western* whole Cloth or two half Cloths, shall pay	2d
Every *Norfolk*, *Suffolk* or *Essex* Cloth	1d ob
Every *Spanish* Cloth	1d
Northern Dozens, for every piece	ob.
Northern Kersies, for every piece	ob.
Northern Cottons, for every piece	ob.
Devonshire Bayes, for each piece	ob. q.
Mynakin Bayes, for every piece	3d
All *Essex*, *Norfolk* & *Suffolk* Bays	1d ob
All *Welch* Wares, the Horse pack	6d
All *Manchester* Wares, the Horse pack	6d
Blankets, twelve pair in a bundle	5d
Ruggs, for every score	10d
Stockings and Yearn, for every Horse pack or two hundred weight	6d
All Fustians, Bustians or Demities, the Horse pack	6d
And all other Manufactures mentioned in this Act, and not provided for in this Table, shall pay for every Horse pack of two hundred weight	6d
And so for a lesser or bigger weight proportionably.	

And, whereas the regulating of all markets in London and the Liberties thereof, by the ancient custom of this City, hath & now doth of right belong to the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Commons in Common-council assembled, and by the like ancient custom of this City all common Factors, Brokers and Makers of Bargains within London and the Liberties thereof, before their exercise of such their employments, have

used to be allowed and admitted to exercise that employment, by such persons and in such manner as the said Lord Maior, Aldermen and Commons in Common-council assembled, have used to direct and appoint, and ought not in any other manner to exercise the same, which was so done, for that Factory or Brokery are no Trades, and so are not subject to any Rules or Regulations as Trades are: And, whereas it is found by experience, that the said Markets of the said Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall & the Welch-hall, are not to be kept indifferent between Clothier and Citizen, but may be either huckstred or forestalled, and that it will be in the power of the common Factor or Broker to undoe the Clothier, by taking which of the Cloths he shall think fit to his own use, or by keeping them unsold at his pleasure, or by putting the worst Paymasters upon the Clothier and taking the best to himself, or by making the Clothier pay Factorage for those he buyes himself, or in the name of some other person for his own use, unless the said common Factors and Brokers may be stinted, and they regulated in their actings; to the end therefore that all those mischiefs may be prevented, and the said Markets of the said Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall and the Welch-hall regulated, Be it farther enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no person or persons whatsoever that now useth or hereafter shall use the employment of a common Factor or Broker or Maker of Bargains in any of the said Markets, shall from and after the 29th of September now next coming deal or intermeddle in the said markets or in any of them as a common Broker or a common Factor for or concerning the Sale of any of the Commodities aforesaid, unless he or they shall be first adjudged by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, in their Court called or known by the name of The Court of Aldermen, held within the Guild-hall of this City of London, fit to exercise that employment, and be by them also thereunto

unto admitted: And that every perſon which ſhall [illegible] contrary thereunto, ſhall for the firſt Offence forfeit forty ſhillings, and for the ſecond and all other Offences five pounds for each Offence.

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no common Factor or Broker ſhall at any time hereafter buy in any of the ſaid Markets in his own name, or in the name of any other to his own uſe, any of the Commodities aforeſaid, nor ſhall ſell any of the ſaid Commodities out of the ſaid Markets within the ſaid City and the Liberties thereof, to any perſon or perſons whatſoever; And that if any common Factor or Broker ſhall doe the contrary hereunto, the party ſo offending, for every ſuch Offence, ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch his firſt Offence fifty ſhillings, and for his or their ſecond Offence the ſumme of four pounds. Provided, That all Clothiers or other Propriators of woollen manufactures may have liberty to employ their own houſhold Servants, or any perſon who is not Factor to more then one Clothier; and that ſuch houſhold ſervant or perſon ſhall not incurre the penalties in this Act mentioned for not being admitted as aforeſaid, by the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen. X

And, Whereas it is found that by the increaſe of Factors in the ſaid Markets, the Clothier who comes up to London to make ſale of his Cloth, Cloths or other woollen manufactures, many times wants room to pitch and ſell the ſame Commodities in, which is a great grievance to the ſaid Clothier, and no Waies allowed by this City, for remedy whereof, be it farther enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Governors of Chriſt's Hoſpital, or any three of them from time to time to regulate the aforeſaid Markets of the ſaid Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall, and the Welch-hall, as to the ſtanding of the Clothier and Factor in the ſaid Markets, having alwaies regard to the Clothier who ſells in his own perſon or by his houſhold ſervant, that he or they have Y

allwaies convenient room reserved in the said Markets for the sale of the aforesaid Commodities.

And it is farther enacted and ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular the Pains, Penalties, sum and sums of mony, Forfeitures, and other things whatsoever, which shall be forfeited or incurred by virtue of this Act, or by reason of any Clause, Branch or Article of the same, shall be obtained, levied and recovered, as the case shall require, either by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in the name of the Chamberlein of the said City for the time being, in the Kings Majesties Court holden in the Chamber of the Guild-hall before the Lord Maior of the City of London and Aldermen of the said City for the time being, in which no Essoin or Wager of Law shall be admitted or allowed for the Defendant, and the Chamberlein of the said City for the time being, in all matters of things to be prosecuted, by virtue of this present Act, against the Offender or Offenders, shall recover the ordinary Costs of Suit to be expended in and about the prosecution of them or any of them.

And be it farther enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures to be had and recoverd by virtue of this or any former Act or Acts for the regulating of Blackwell-halls, Leaden-hall, and the Welch-hall as aforesaid (the Charges of Suit for recovery thereof being first deducted) the Remainder shall be divided into two parts, the one moiety thereof together with all the Duties of Hallage to be paid unto the Treasurer of Christ's-Hospital, (for the time being) to be employed towards the maintenance of the poor children harboured and kept in the said Hospital, and the other moiety to him or them that will sue for the same, any other Act or Ordinance to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. Weld.

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